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## **PRESS**

**SF Chronicle** (Joaquin Palomino) [Received 5/16] – CLOSED – Data/investigative reporter contacted HQ OPA asking for a copy of any contract that EPA has had with Tetra Tech or Tetra Tech EC since the year 2000. R9 OPA provided background to HQ OPA regarding the request. After checking with OARM, HQ OPA told the reporter to submit a FOIA for the requested information. SFD, HQ, NorCal. Michele Huitric/Margot Perez-Sullivan

**CurbedSF** (Chris Roberts) [Received 5/10] – OPEN – Reporter asked if EPA had a statement on Tetra Tech's announcement that the Navy is "open" to Tetra Tech's offer to pay for the retesting at HPNS. Reporter also had question about need for testing on parcels E2 and D. Provided initial response, reporter sent follow-up questions. Working with program to see if any additional response should be provided. SFD. NorCal. Michele Huitric

**SF Chronicle** (Cynthia Dizikes) [Received 5/4] - OPEN - After receiving R9's initial response to questions about Parcel A at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, reporter sent follow up questions. Checked in with program and determined we were not able to respond by reporter's deadline. Working with program to determine if there is any follow up information we want to provide. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

**Univision Santa Rosa** (Maria Fincher) – CLOSED – Soledad Calvino did and on-camera interview to discuss elemental mercury, methylmercury in fish and mercury in skin creams. Show will air on May 31st at 7a.m. NorCal; Central Cal, Soledad Calvino.

**NPR, Flagstaff KNAU** (Ryan Heinsius) – OPEN – Producer looking for information on Dine College grant award and Tetra Tech contract. Looking to identify contacts for Navajo Technical University and do a story on Navajos cleaning AUMS. Working with program to determine contacts. Navajo Nation, SFD, Margot Perez-Sullivan

**Honolulu Civil Beat:** (Bianca Smallwood) – CLOSED – Reporter was looking for more information on an old US Coast Guard property in Leeward Oahu, that had some PCB soil issues and general information on PCB health effects. Checked with our Superfund staff, and it is a State DOH site, so referred the reporter to a contact at HDOH, and provided our EPA website address for PCB and PCB health effects. Hawaii, SFD, Dean Higuchi.

**Bloomberg:** (Adam Allington) –CLOSED – Reporter wanted to know the latest about EPA's activities as part of the FEMA tasking for air monitoring assistance. We provided the reporter with our updated statement. Also checked and relayed to the reporter his question on exceptional events and air quality, Air Div. reports that the state needs to do so, and expecting it later from the state. Hawaii, AIR, Dean Higuchi

**CNBC** (Jeff Daniels) [Received 5/16]—CLOSED—Reporter was looking for a comment on the air lawsuits CA has ongoing against the Trump Administration. Also wanted to know if CA had any additional lawsuits against the administration. Referred reporter to HQ who is handling. AIR, SoCal, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Desert Sun** (Ian James) [Received 5/15]—OPEN—Reporter was looking for a copy of Mike M.'s presentation in Calexico and asked for clarification on some numbers regarding water infrastructure in Mexicali we gave him a month ago. WTR, SoCal, Nahal Mogharabi.

Added Spanish press release announcing the appointment of Oxnard Mayor Pro Tempore to the Local Government Advisory Committee and Small Community Advisory Subcommittee: Alcaldesa Pro Témpore de Oxnard Carmen Ramírez nombrada para el comité asesor nacional de la EPA. Soledad Calvino/Michele Huitric.

## **WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA**

Social Media:

**Asthma Awareness Month** – Posted to our <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> pages about Asthma Awareness Month and linked to the Breathe Easies' Song, Clean Up the Mold.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**Rep. Nancy Pelosi (CA)** Dean Higuchi provided our response on the FOIA on Hunters Point Naval Shipyard to Rob Edmonson of the congresswoman's staff, as he requested that he be included in our send out.

**Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA):** Following a request received by Brent Maier from June Williams in Sen. Harris' San Francisco office to set up a conference call for an update/briefing on the Hunters Point Superfund Site, Brent has confirmed a conference call for Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Expected EPA participants include Superfund's Lily Lee, John Chesnutt, Angeles Herrera, and Enrique Manzanilla.

**Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-48):** Brent Maier received a call this morning from District Director Kathleen Staunton thanking our office for our response to the Congressman's incoming letter regarding odors in Huntington Beach and to let our office know that she will participating in an EPA HQ meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> via teleconference with Huntington Beach Councilmember Patrick Brendan who is visiting DC next week to meet with EPA on this same issue.

Congressional Outreach on Settlements with Plastics Manufacturers: Brent Maier shared today's press releases with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Representatives Nanette Barragan and Grace Napolitano announcing that EPA has recently reached settlements with two Southern California plastics manufacturers over federal Clean Water Act violations. Under the terms of the settlements, both companies will take steps to prevent plastic materials they manage from washing into local waterways. Combined, the companies will pay more than \$35,000 in penalties.

Congressional Outreach on Extension of WIFIA Extension: Brent Maier shared the HQ press release from yesterday with Congressional staff for the entire Region 9 Congressional delegation announcing that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has extended the deadline to submit letters of interest for Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans until July 31, 2018 from the prior deadline which was July 6<sup>th</sup>. Administrator Pruitt also sent a letter highlighting the deadline extension to governors of 56 states and territories as well as tribal leadership.

**Tomorrow – Thursday, May 17, 2018 - The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee:** The Committee has scheduled a May 17<sup>th</sup> hearing to continue work on S. 2800, its 2018 version of the biennial Water Resources and Development Act (WRDA) that funds the Army Corps of Engineers' water infrastructure work. <a href="https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=FAE6C020-0E5B-4D16-953D-564691D195D5">https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=FAE6C020-0E5B-4D16-953D-564691D195D5</a>

Tomorrow – Thursday, May 17, 2018 – EPA HQ Meeting with Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission: Purpose of Meeting: Relicensing of the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2299) on the Tuolumne River, CA. Senior Managers of the Districts and the Commission want to follow up on a meeting they had with OW DA Lee Forsgren, and other EPA headquarters and regional staff in September, 2017, and a recent conversation they had with Administrator Pruitt and Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA) regarding the use by the National Marine Fisheries Service of a 2003 EPA water temperature guidance for the Pacific Northwest, as opposed to a sitespecific peer-reviewed temperature study done on the Tuolumne River, when developing mandatory conditions for the relicensing of the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project. Expected Attendees: Casey Hashimoto, General Manager, Turlock Irrigation District (TID); Steve Boyd, Director of Water Resources and Regulatory Affairs, TID; Michelle Reimers, Assistant General Manager, External Affairs, TID; John Davids, Assistant General Manager, Water Operations, Modesto Irrigation District (MID); Bill Paris, Hydropower Counsel, MID; Gary Soiseth, Regulatory Administrator, MID; Michael Carlin, Deputy General Manager, San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC); Ellen Levin, Deputy Manager of Water, SFPUC; Joe Raeder, Washington Representative, MID & TID; Lori J. Pickford, Washington Representative, MID & TID; and Daryl Owen, Washington Representative, SFPUC. Expected EPA HQ and Regional staff participants: K. Preston Cory, Director of Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR); Office of Water: Lee Forsgren, Deputy Assistant Administrator (OW); Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management (tentative); Deborah Nagle, Acting Director, Office of Science & Technology (OST); Jim Keating (OST-OSHPD); Region IX: Tom Hagler, Attorney- Adviser; Ellen Blake, Associate Director, Water Division; Tomas Torres, Director, Water Division; Roger Gorke, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Water; Valentina Cabrera-Stagno, Environmental Scientist, Water Division, SF Bay Delta Program Lead; Brian Thompson, Physical Scientist, Endangered Species Coordinator for San Francisco Bay Delta Team; and Brent Maier, Intergovernmental Contact.

## Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - EPA HQ to Meet with Huntington Beach, CA Local Official: On Wednesday, May 23, EPA headquarters and Region IX staff will meet with Councilmember Patrick Brendan to discuss the city's ocean odor issues. The South Coast Air Quality Management District is in the midst of an active investigation in the wake of concerns raised by residents and local officials. Region 9 Enforcement Division's Joel Jones and Andrew Chew and Air Division's Amy Zimpfer plan to participate in this HQ meeting via teleconference.

Wednesday – Thursday, June 6 – 7, 2018 - Federal Partners Tour of Rio Salado Project: Arizona State University and the Office of Senator John McCain are organizing a Federal Partners Tour of the 'Rio Reimagined' Rio Salado Project for all day Wednesday, June 6th and the morning of Thursday, June 7th in Arizona. Agenda includes both aerial and ground tours of the Salt River corridor, as well as meetings with municipalities and tribal communities who will review accomplishments and future plans for priority projects within the 'Rio Reimagined' project (website link embedded) boundaries. Agency partners at the county, state and federal level will join the tour as well. More specific information will be distributed via a meeting notice as the date approaches. <a href="http://rioreimagined.org/">http://rioreimagined.org/</a>

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